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No clarity on serving liquor at bars from tomorrow

Government likely to issue Standard Operating Procedures by this evening; Stakeholders await orders

Mysuru, Aug. 31 (RK&BCT)- With Unlock 4.0 set to relax more COVID-19 curbs from Sept. 1 (tomorrow), stakeholders are busy laying the ground for the return to the normal in their respective sectors. They are waiting for clear-cut directives or Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) from the State Government.

Though it was expected that the SOPs would be released this morning, it has been delayed and is expected by today evening. Stakeholders who are awaiting directions include bars and restaurants, pubs and clubs who are cautiously optimistic about reopening from tomorrow.

Pubs and bars are not on the list of prohibited activities in the latest guidelines from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued last Saturday.

Immediately after the MHA guidelines were issued, Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa accorded in-principle approval for consumption of alcohol in pubs, bars and restaurants. Even Excise Minister H. Nagesh hinted at opening of watering holes, albeit with restrictions.

C. Narayanagowda President of Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association told *Star of Mysore:* "Pubs and bars have been removed from the prohibition list by the Centre. After that, it comes down to every State to issue their circulars and clarifications. That's when we will have more clarity and information. As of now, there is no clarity. We are expecting the guidelines by evening," he said.

Sources said it was most likely that the Karnataka Government could permit bars to function according to the "original licence regulations", which means they could serve liquor to their patrons. At present, they are allowed to only sell liquor at MRP and render parcel services.

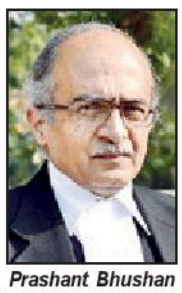
Similarly, clubs also have sought permission to serve liquor to its members. Last week, the Government permitted clubs to serve food and allowed sports activities to resume. Pubs and bar owners have safety measures and protocols in place such as use of sanitisers and social distancing norms. "We are ready to serve our customers as soon as the SOPs are released. Almost all sectors are open and the State should allow us to serve liquor, Narayanagowda added.

(See LIQUOR on page 7)

Pay Re. 1 fine or face jail

for 3 months: SC to Prashant Bhushan

New Delhi, Aug. 31 (UNI)- Lawyer-activist Prashant Bhushan, held guilty of contempt for his tweets criticising Chief Justice of India (CJI) S.A. Bobde and the Supreme Court (SC), has been fined Re. 1 by the Top Court. If he doesn't pay the fine by Sept. 15, he can go to jail for three months or be banned from practicing for three years.



Prashant Bhushan

"Freedom of speech cannot be curtailed," said the SC while handing down the sentence, referring to "sane advice" from Attorney General K.K. Venugopal to the Court and to Prashant Bhushan. The Court also noted, "We gave several opportunities to (Bhushan) to express regret."

Prashant Bhushan had refused to retract his comments or apologise, saying he considered it the discharge of his "highest duty" and apologising would be contempt of his conscience and the Court. Open criticism was necessary to "safeguard the democracy and its values," he had said, adding that he would cheerfully accept punishment.

The SC had sought an unconditional apology, maintaining that freedom of speech is not absolute. "You may do hundreds of good things, but that doesn't give you a licence to do ten crimes," the Court said.

In the last hearing, Attorney General Venugopal had suggested that Bhushan be let off with a warning. "Bhushan's tweets seek the improvement of the administration of justice... Let democracy follow in this case when he has exercised his free speech... It will be tremendously appreciated if the Court leaves it at that," he had said.

Bhushan's Counsel Rajeev Dhavan had argued that Top Court's order giving him time for an unconditional apology was "an exercise in coercion". Bhushan should be forgiven with a message he said, arguing: "One cannot be silenced forever... A message that he (Bhushan) should be restrained in future should be enough."

In one of the tweets, Prashant Bhushan had said four previous CJIs played a role in destroying democracy in India in the last six years. Another tweet commenting on a photo of Chief Justice Bobde on a Harley Davidson last month, had flagged that he was without a helmet and face mask while keeping the Court in lockdown and denying citizens their right to justice.

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STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	734
Total positive cases	:	17,544
Discharges yesterday	:	255
Total discharges	:	12,385
Deaths yesterday	:	11
Total deaths	:	438
Total active cases	:	4,721

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 31st August 2020

Wins "Mrs. Queen India 2020" online beauty pageant

Mysuru, Aug. 31- City beautician and wellness expert Nandini Murthy has won 'Mrs. Queen India 2020 title (Walk From Home)' under Classic category — a topper among five finalists of online beauty pageant. She also won the subtitle 'Mrs. Most Powerful Queen 2020.'

The beauty pageant was held by Shriki Fashion Creations and International partner Lady Rose (Events & Talent) in association with Paul Vincent Productions.

It was a platform for married women with two categories Global (upto 39 years) and Classic (40-60) where there was scope to learn and knowledge empowerment on fitness, nutrition, grooming, image-building, make-up and personality development. Finals was held on Aug. 16 with two rounds — National and Evening Gown Wear. Judges from other countries were present in *Zoom* for question and answer round.

Subsidy to establish Gyms

Mysuru, Aug. 31- The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports has invited online applications from eligible medal-winner sportspersons belonging to SC/ST communities who are willing to start gymnasiums, for availing subsidy.

Unemployed sportspersons from SC/ST communities, who have taken part in National and International events and won medals, can set up a gym at a cost of Rs. 20 lakh, for which the Department will grant 75 percent subsidy, while the rest 25 percent has to be borne by the establisher.

The subsidy will be given only for sportspersons from Karnataka who have represented the State. The maximum age limit is 40 years. For details, contact Ph: 0821- 2564179.

Interested sportspersons may apply online before Sept. 10 by logging on to *http://karunadu.karnataka.gov.in/dye*

Applications invited for Montessori, NTTC trainer course

Mysuru, Aug.31- The RCSS and QDP Technologies Training Division has invited applications for Montessori and NTTC trainer course for the year 2020-21. Under Training Partner of NDLM, Government of India has recognised this training program.

Certified trainers will deliver the sessions of Child development, Early childhood, Health Nutrition & Education, Computer training and communication skills.

Those in 18-35 years age category can attend the course. Special batches available for housewives and professionals.

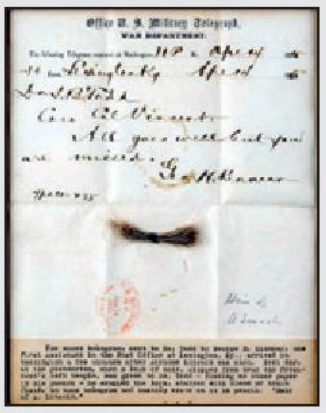
Interested can register their names before Sept.5 at #665,1st floor, Nrupatunga Road, Kuvempunagar. Candidates should compulsorily wear mask and use sanitiser [Contact Mob: 99647-90442 or 0821-2560268]

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SUNNY' SURPRISE: ***Authorities and students of two Colleges in West Bengal were surprised when they saw the merit list for admission to undergraduate courses. Someone rather unlikely and famous appeared on the merit list. It was none other than Sunny Leone! Amused students saw her name at the top of a list. Soon it dawned on the authorities that someone pulled a prank on them by submitting a fake application online. Later in the day, Leone also appeared on the merit list of another College. Leone reacted to this on social media and the amused filmstar tweeted, "See you all in College next semester! Hope you're in my class!"*** — *Soumya Das in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Abraham Lincoln's hair, bloody telegram up for auction



Boston: A lock of Abraham Lincoln's hair wrapped in a telegram stained with the 16th President's blood is up for auction online.

RR Auction, based in Boston, said the lock of hair and telegram, which provides details of Lincoln's assassination in 1865, are expected to fetch up to $75,000.

The 2 inches of Lincoln's hair was removed during his post-mortem examination after the President was fatally shot by John Wilkes Booth. The telegram is stained with what is believed to be the slain President's blood. Bidding for the two items closes Sept. 12.

Stressed Zoo elephants to be given cannabis

Warsaw: Stressed-out elephants at a zoo in Poland are to be given medical marijuana as part of a trial. The Warsaw zoo's three African elephants will be given liquid doses of cannabinoid CBD through their trunks.

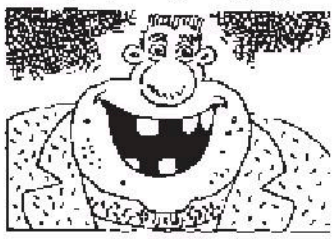
Medical cannabis has been used worldwide to treat dogs and horses but "this is probably the first initiative of its kind for elephants," In-charge veterinarian of the project, said.

The zoo's three African elephants will be given liquid doses of a high concentration of the relaxing cannabinoid CBD through their trunks.

"It's an attempt to find a new natural alternative to the existing methods of combating stress, especially pharmaceutical drugs," Agnieszka Czujkowska, the veterinarian in charge of the project said.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What foods can be used to whiten teeth?



Apples, nuts, raw vegetables, mushrooms, strawberries, onions and citrus fruits are all beneficial for maintaining white teeth by reducing the oral bacteria that causes plaque and tooth discolouration.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Aug. 31- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Ancient History and Archaeology to **H.C. Ravi Gowda** for his thesis 'Heggadadevana Kote Pradeshada Dharmika Parampareya Charitrika Adhyayana (Arambhadinda Adhunika Kaladavarege)' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K. Prabhu.

N. Revanna has been awarded Ph.D in Ambedkar Studies by UoM for his thesis 'Chamarajanagara Jilleya Boudhadhramada Purvapara Nelegalu' [Guide: Dr. S. Narendrakumar].

N. Hemalatha has been awarded Ph.D in Biochemistry by UoM for her thesis 'Lutein and its Metabolites in Modulation of Hyperglycemia Induced Mitochondrial Dysfunction in the Retinal Pigment Epithelium' [Guide: Dr. V. Baskaran].

Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, has awarded Ph.D in Electronics and Communication Engineering to **G. Manjula** for her thesis 'Identification of the Features of Stuttering through Automatic Speech Recognition and Validation' [Guide: Dr. M. Shivakumar and Dr. Y.V. Geetha].

K. Mohanakumara has been awarded Ph.D in Mechanical Engineering by VTU, Belagavi, for his thesis 'Study of Mechanical and Tribological Characteristics of as cast and extruded Al-SiCp Metal Matrix Composites' [Guide: Dr. S.L. Ajit Prasad].

Really...?

- ***Each pineapple plant only produces one pineapple per year***
- ***Pineapples are native to South America before Christopher Columbus discovered them in 1493.***
- ***Pineapple is the only edible fruit of its kind, the Bromeliads.***
- ***Bananas have a natural antacid effect in the body, so if you suffer from heartburn, try eating a banana for soothing relief.***
- ***A strawberry isn't an actual berry, but a banana is!***

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1 Euro	= Rs. 87.63

VOICE OF THE READER

COVID safety precautions lacking among motorists

Sir,

Although COVID-19 cases are increasing in city, some people are not taking precautions. Many are seen either not wearing the mask or wearing it wrongly by exposing their nose.

Ignoring the social distancing norm to avoid the spread of COVID-19, triple riding became the most common feature on city roads (see photo taken recently).

These riders are not wearing helmets or masks and riding in the wrong direction violating the one-way rule.

Primary safety precautions either for COVID-19 or road safety, are lacking. Better not to say about spitting while riding on the two-wheelers. When our people will become self-conscious is not known!

— Dr. S. V. N. Vijayendra,
Traffic Warden and Member,
City Traffic Advisory Committee

Roopanagar 20.8.2020

After Sunday break, heavy rush for Rapid Antigen Test at Town Hall

People standing in queue to undergo Rapid Antigen Test at Town Hall centre this morning.

Mysuru, Aug.31 (RKB&DM)- The Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) for COVID-19 got a break on Sunday at Town Hall centre in the city with Doctors, Nurses and other Paramedical staff engaged in testing taking a day off. However, the test was carried out at other centres — Makkala Koota in Krishnamurthypuram, Akkammanni Hospital in Chamundipuram and K.R.Hospital.

However, the number of people visiting these centres was less on Sunday.

Although the Town Hall centre was closed, a few people from other parts of the district, unaware of being a holiday, visited it, only to be disappointed. Many felt that the authorities should have put up a board well in advance mentioning that the centre will be closed on Sunday.

About 60 people underwent testing at Makkala Koota and 25 at Akkammanni Hospital. As far as the centre at BAI premises in Vishweshwaranagar is concerned, the centre recorded almost nil tests.

Meanwhile, heavy rush was witnessed at Town Hall centre this morning with a large number of people volunteering to undergo Rapid Antigen Testing.

'COVID-19 will be under control by Deepavali Fest'

Dr. Harsh Vardhan

New Delhi, Aug. 31 - Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan on Sunday expressed confidence that the country's COVID-19 count will be "under control" by Diwali this year.

Inaugurating the 'Nation First' webinar series, organised by Ananthkumar Foundation, he pointed out that the country was much ahead in tackling the pandemic. "COVID-19 will significantly come under control by Deepavali festival in November. The leaders and common people effectively worked together to fight the pandemic," he said.

"But, the virus has taught us a certain lesson, it has taught us there has to be a new normal and we need to be more diligent about, more cautious about our lifestyle...," he added and also expressed hope about having a vaccine by the end of this year.

He said that there was only one Lab in February which has now increased to 1,583 nationwide and out of this more than 1,000 are Government Labs. The country is conducting about 1 million tests per day which is way ahead of the target, he added.

A record 72,000 COVID-19 tests conducted on a single day in State

Bengaluru, Aug.31 - Even as the State is witnessing an alarming increase in the number of COVID-19 cases, the State Government conducted a record 72,684 tests in Karnataka on a single day on Saturday, which also saw 8,324 positive cases.

So far, a total of 27,85,718 people in the State have undergone COVID-19 test and 3,27,076 people have tested positive for the deadly virus.

State Nodal Officer for conduct of tests Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Director, Jayadeva Institute of Cardio-Vascular Sciences at Bengaluru, said that the high number of infections is due to the increase in the number of tests covering a vast population. Of late, the State is clocking an average of 8,000 cases every day with the conduct of nearly 70,000 tests a day. However, other States have been conducting an average of 5,000 to 10,000 tests a day, which number is far less as compared to Karnataka, he said and added that Karnataka is among the topmost ranked State in terms of quality and quantity of testing.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	179
Total positive cases	:	5,292
Total discharges	:	3,674
Total deaths	:	58
Total active cases	:	1,560

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	54
Total positive cases	:	2,315
Total discharges	:	1,741
Total deaths	:	34
Total active cases	:	529

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	65
Total positive cases	:	1,414
Total discharges	:	1,147
Total deaths	:	21
Total active cases	:	246

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	268
Total positive cases	:	7,835
Total discharges	:	5,175
Total deaths	:	175
Total active cases	:	2,485

Obituary

Rajashekar Murthy

Mysuru, Aug. 31- Rajashekar Murthy (67), a resident of Kesare, passed away this morning in city.

He had served as a lorry driver at CESC, Nanjangud Division.

He leaves behind his wife Latha, three daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed this noon at Veeranagere burial grounds.

H.P. Nataraju

Chamarajanagar: H.P. Nataraju (59), a BJP leader at Madapura village in the taluk passed away on Saturday night at a private hospital in Mysuru following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at his farm in Madapura on Sunday afternoon, according to family sources.

Sridhar

Nanjangud: Sridhar (52), a businessman and a resident of Bazaar Street passed away yesterday at a private hospital in Mysuru, following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed in Mysuru yesterday, according to family sources.

NEWS BRIEFS

Diploma in Handloom and Textiles

The Department of Handloom and Textiles has invited applications from eligible candidates for admission to Diploma Course in Handloom and Textiles. The course, having 42 seats, is open for male and female candidates. While 22 seats are available at Karnataka Handloom Technology Institute, Gadag-Betageri, 15 seats are available at Indian Handloom Technology Institute, Salem (TN), three at SPKM Indian Handloom Technology Institute, Venkatagiri, Nellore district, AP and two at Indian Handloom Technology Institute, Kannur, Kerala. For applications, contact Ph: 080-23561628 or 23566082 or 23568223 or the Institute at Gadag on Ph: 08372-297221 or the Office of the Department in their respective district, according to a press release.

Elementary Education

The District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Mysuru, has invited applications from eligible students for admission to Diploma in Elementary Education Course. General category candidates who have passed PUC with a minimum of 50 percent marks and SC/ST candidates with 45 percent are eligible to apply. For details, contact Mob: 89712-65899.

Sargur Town Panchayat polls

The State Election Commission has announced the schedule for preparing the voters' list for Sargur Town Panchayat polls. Accordingly, the draft voters' list has been published on Aug. 27, for which objections can be filed till Aug. 31. All the objections are required to be addressed by Sept. 4, following which the final voters' list will be published on Sept. 10 at H.D. Kote and Sargur Taluk offices.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Yesterday	123.54 ft
Inflow	1,910 cusecs
Outflow	5,360 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,282.88 ft
Inflow	971 cusecs
Outflow	2,625 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,857.26 ft
Inflow	1,025 cusecs
Outflow	1,660 cusecs

Railways begins securing of landed properties along tracks

Mysuru, Aug. 31 (MTY&DM)- In an effort to secure its landed properties along tracks from probable encroachments, the Mysuru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) has begun securing of Railway tracks coming under its jurisdiction, by construction of walls and railings.

The Railway Department is said to have taken this measure to secure and safeguard its properties for future plans such as Track-doubling or other Railway works.

Following a circular from the Railway Board, which had directed all Railway Divisions to take measures for prevention of landed properties along railway tracks from encroachments, the Mysuru Division of SWR has started the job in right earnest by taking up wall construction work on one side of the track on the stretch from Jayanagar Railway Gate to Ashokapuram Railway Station on Mysuru-Nanjangud-Chamarajanagar section.

Prior to the construction, the Civil Engineering wing of the Department had carried out a pinpoint survey to identify the properties and appropriately mark them.

Following a study that the Railway landed properties on the near 3-km stretch from Jayanagar Railway gate to Ashokapuram Railway Station, which forms part of a populous residential area, are prone or vulnerable to encroachments with the setting up of petty shops, make-shift sheds, dumping yards and the like, the SWR has began construction of a wall on one side of the track that is more prone to encroachment, according to sources. The Railways is taking up four types of track-securing depending upon the geographical features and space availability.

While one is construction of a wall, the others are erection of Railway track barricades, deep-rooted chain-fencing and piling up of loose stones. The piling of loose stones will be taken up only along the tracks passing through agricultural fields, so as to enable movement of farmers to their fields, the sources further said.

Meanwhile, the SWR Mysuru Division is learnt to have completed securing of the railway track from the stretch of Yadavagiri to Goods Shed terminal on Mysuru-Bengaluru section by erection of railings.

Cowherd killed in bison attack at his farmland

Channabasavappa

Hanur, Aug. 31 (SOMU&KS)- A 62-year-old cowherd, identified as Channabasavappa, was killed when a bison attacked him when he was grazing his cattle at his farmland in Shyagya village in Hanur taluk yesterday.

Channabasavappa's farmland is located on the forest border. He as usual had taken his cattle for grazing on Sunday when a bison attacked him suddenly causing serious injuries on his thighs and stomach.

Meanwhile, neighbouring farmers, who saw Channabasavappa lying in a pool of blood, informed the staff of 108 Ambulance and emergency medical staff Murthy and driver Krishna, who arrived in an ambulance, provided first-aid and shifted Channabasavappa to Holy Cross Hospital at Kamagere, where Channabasavappa succumbed to injuries.

Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary officials and the Police visited the spot.

Woman succumbs to burns

She had attempted suicide after allegedly abused by neighbour youth

Nanjangud, Aug. 31 (KS)- A 30-year-old woman committed suicide by setting herself on fire after she was allegedly abused by the neighbour youth at Kallahalli village in the taluk. The deceased woman is Jayashree, wife of Chinnaswamy of Kallahalli.

It is learnt that the youth, identified as Manjunath, neighbour of Jayashree, had allegedly abused Jayashree for some unknown reasons and depressed over it, Jayashree on Aug. 18, had doused herself with kerosene and had set herself ablaze when no one was present at the house.

Jayashree's neighbours, who heard her screams, rushed to the house, rescued Jayashree and had admitted her to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru, where she succumbed to burn injuries yesterday.

Jayashree's husband had lodged a complaint at Nanjangud Rural Police Station on the day she attempted suicide and the Police, based on the complaint, have registered a case. But accused Manjunath has switched off his mobile phone and has gone absconding. Police said that they have launched a hunt to nab the accused.

Bronze Statue of Sqn. Ldr. A.B. Devayya to be unveiled at Madikeri on Sept. 7

A befitting tribute to Indo-Pak War Hero on his 55th death anniversary

Bronze statue of Squadron Leader A.B. Devayya

Works on installing the statue of Squadron Leader A.B. Devayya at Madikeri in Kodagu district is almost complete.

By Prasad Sampigekatte

Madikeri, Aug. 31- The statue of Squadron Leader Ajjamada Bopayya Devayya will be unveiled at Madikeri in Kodagu District on Sept. 7.

The 6-feet-9-inch bronze statue installed at the Old Private Bus Stand Circle will be unveiled on the day Devayya was martyred. Incidentally, the Circle has also been named after him.

Sqn. Ldr. A.B. Devayya is the only Indian Air Force (IAF) Officer to be posthumously awarded the *Maha Vir Chakra (MVC)*. During the 1965 India-Pakistan War, Devayya (called 'Wings of Fire') was part of a strike mission (on the Pakistani airbase Sargodha).

The work on the statue basement is almost complete and a giant crane was used to shift and mount the statue on the pedestal.

The bronze statue weighs 600 kg and Rs. 20 lakh has been spent on getting the statue carved at Kengeri near Bengaluru.

The statue installation work was spearheaded by Ajjamada family members, Squadron Leader Ajjamada Devayya Memorial Trust, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa and General Thimayya Forum, Kodava Makkada Koota.

Wartime job

Sqn. Ldr. A.B. Devayya was born to Ajjamada Bopayya and Neelamma couple on Dec. 24, 1932 at Manchalli village near Kutta in South Kodagu. He joined the Indian Air Force as a pilot on Dec. 26, 1954. Devayya was married to Keethiyanda Sundari.

When the Indo-Pak war broke out in 1965, Devayya was an instructor at the Air Force Flying College. He was posted to No.1 'Tigers' Squadron' and flew the Mystere fighter bomber. During the war, Devayya shot down a US-made PAF (Pakistan Air Force) F-104 Starfighter while flying an inferior Mystere of French make. The dogfight between the Mystere and the Starfighter was recorded by British author John Fricker in his book *'Battle for Pakistan'* published in 1979.

Action in the skies

John Fricker wrote, "On Sept. 7, 1965, Mystere pilot Squadron Leader A.B. Devayya showed commendable courage by staying in the fight, and despite being mortally wounded, he eventually scored several cannon strikes against the Starfighter, causing it to be abandoned. This was the first and only Starfighter to be lost through enemy action in the 1965 war."

Devayya was part of an air strike mission on the PAF base at Sargodha, with the objective being to neutralise its air assets. He engaged in a dogfight with the Starfighter flown by Pakistani Flight Lieutenant Amjad Hussain at an altitude of 7,000 ft. The PAF fighter was faster and more modern, but Hussain made the mistake of reducing his speed in an attempt to out-turn Devayya.

Hussain failed to clear his tail during the dog-fight and suffered several cannon strikes. He was forced to eject since the Mystere had a limited range for action and did not have enough fuel reserves to return to India.

Posthumous award

The Mystere aircraft was destroyed and it was assumed that Devayya died on Pakistani soil. The IAF was not aware of what had happened to Devayya, first recording him missing and later declaring him dead. It was revealed much later by Pakistan that Devayya's body was found almost intact by villagers not very far from Sargodha and buried.

For this feat in the 1965 conflict, 23 years later, in 1988 he was posthumously awarded the *Maha Vir Chakra (MVC)*. He is the only Air Force Officer to have been awarded the *MVC* posthumously so far.

Two heroes from Kodagu receive 'Maha Vir Chakra'

Squadron Leader A.B. Devayya *Lt. Col. Ganapathy*

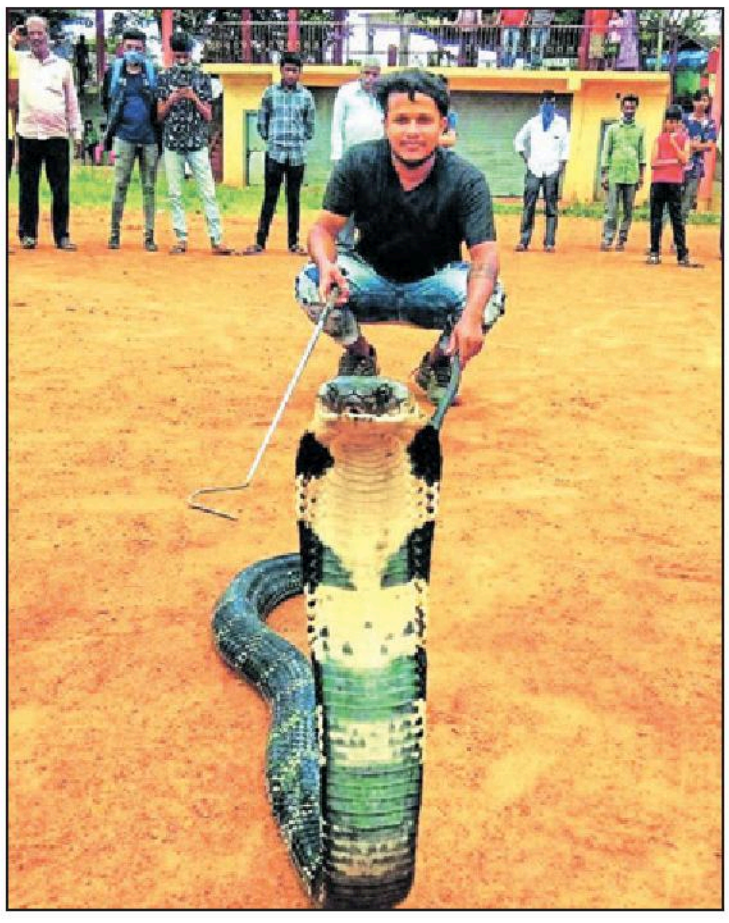
Two Defence personnel from Kodagu have so far received the honour of *Maha Vir Chakra*, next only to the supreme Defence award *Param Vir Chakra*. While Squadron Leader A.B. Devayya received the honour in 1988, the other officer is Major Puttichanda Somaiah Ganapathy (later promoted as Lieutenant Colonel) who is now leading a retired life in Bengaluru.

Major Ganapathy was awarded *Maha Vir Chakra* for his combat role in 1987 *Operation Pawan* in Sri Lanka (launched by Indian Peace Keeping Force) against the LTTE. His unit, located at Annakottai, was surrounded and repeatedly attacked by militants on Oct. 16, 1987. His Company had occupied this location to provide a firm base for the 41 Infantry Brigade to launch an offensive.

LTTE militants repeatedly attacked the position with very heavy fire, resulting in heavy casualties, and his unit required immediate replenishment of ammunition. Throughout the day, Major Ganapathy fought gallantly and kept the militants at bay.

When all efforts to drop ammunition by helicopter failed due to heavy fire, Major Ganapathy kept fighting, moving from trench to trench till 6 am on Oct. 17, 1987 when he was finally supplied with ammunition by a patrol. He displayed extreme devotion and held his position against heavy odds.

Nearly 10 ft.-long King Cobra rescued from house



Snake Prajwal seen with the nearly 10 ft.-long King Cobra, which he rescued from the house of one Manu near Bettageri in Madikeri, Kodagu district. The King Cobra, weighing about 10 kg, was later released into Perumbadi Forest near Makutta with the help of the Forest Department officials.

Chorus grows to set up Heritage Institute in Mysuru

Indian Institute of Heritage and Conservation (IIHC) to help save heritage monuments, archaeological sites

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi and Karnataka Tourism Minister C.T. Ravi with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi early this month [Pic. courtesy: Internet]

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, Aug. 31- There is a growing chorus in favour of establishing Indian Institute of Heritage and Conservation (IIHC) with the status of a Deemed University under the Ministry of Culture in the Heritage City of Mysuru. Tourism stakeholders, archaeology experts and heritage advocates are pitching for the institute to be set up in Mysuru.

It all started recently when Union Minister Pralhad Joshi and Karnataka Tourism Minister C.T. Ravi met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and sought the establishment of IIHC in Mysuru.

The Ministers apprised Nirmala Sitharaman that there was sufficient land available for the proposed IIHC in Mysuru and the State Government was ready to provide the necessary support for the institute.

Mysuru is a centre place for all heritage sites in South India. The city also offers an engaging and meaningful environment for heritage conservation for future generations, Joshi and Ravi argued. The IIHC will enable trained, qualified persons to conserve manuscripts, including monuments and museums, they told the Finance Minister.

In her last Budget speech, Nirmala Sitharaman had said, "Acquisition of knowledge in disciplines such as Museology and Archaeology are essential for collecting and analysing scientific evidence of such findings and for dissemination through high-quality museums. Currently, lack of trained manpower is a handicap for both these disciplines. This also affects tourism."

Archaeological sites, heritage monuments galore in Mysuru

The proposal put forth by Ministers Pralhad Joshi and C.T. Ravi for the establishment of IIHC is buttressed by the fact that Mysuru is home for innumerable archaeological sites, heritage monuments and structures. Also, iron implements, a Roman coin mould along with a kiln and antique pottery from Megalithic and Neolithic ages have been found in Mysuru region.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, who is a Member of Expert Committee for Development and Protection of Mysore Heritage Region and Convenor, INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage), said that Mysuru, with its rich and evident history from Satavahana, Ganga and Wadiyar periods, is an ideal place to establish IIHC.

Heritage City status in 2004

"This is the precise reason why during the term of Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, Mysuru, along with Srirangapatna, was declared as a Heritage City in 2004 and an exclusive office for Heritage was created.

Earlier, it was just Archaeology Department and Heritage and Museums were added and a Commissionerate was established in Mysuru. The present Chief Secretary T.M. Vijay Bhaskar was the first Heritage Commissioner," he said.

Mysuru city and region has places including Srirangapatna, Talakadu and Somanathapura that have innumerable temples and heritage sites. "Excavations on the banks of River Cauvery have yielded artefacts from Megalithic and Neolithic ages. Places like Koppa, Hemmige, T. Narasipur and Krishnapur are known for ancient civilisation. The region, with more than 500 archaeological and heritage structures and over 100 buildings that are more than 100 years old, has a good scope to establish an International Museum of repute to draw tourists," Prof. Rangaraju explained.

Home for RMNH, IGRMS, ORI

Added to these places, Mysuru is home for Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), Southern Regional Centre of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI), Mounted Police Museum, Archaeology Museum, Oriental Research Institute (ORI) that has over 45,000 rare manuscripts and Folklore Museum at Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion with more than 6,500 folklore artefacts and 3,000 antiques.

"Mahatma Gandhi visited Mysore five times and the British had awarded Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, Jayachamaraja Wadiyar and 10th Chamaraja Wadiyar with the honour Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India (GCSI). All these and exclusive items like Mysore Pak, Mysore Silk, Mysore Mallige, Mysore Vilyadele, Clean City status, 14 Palaces and over 25 Museums all qualify Mysuru as the most eligible Heritage City to have Indian Institute of Heritage and Conservation," Prof. Rangaraju said.

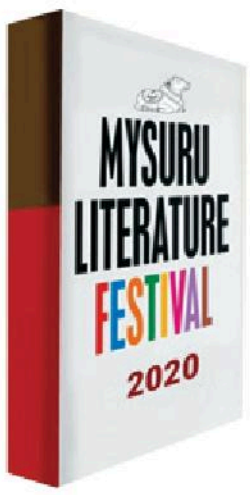
Mysuru has good and broad roads dotted with heritage structures and the city sees a footfall of more than 80 lakh tourists per year.

"Establishment of IIHC would save the heritage structures as there will be good flow of funds. Conservation expertise will be readily available. An added advantage is the pleasant climate and a good hospitality industry," he added.

'Lockdown helped me discover new melodies'

Sarod Maestro Amjad Ali Khan dwells on pandemic, education, music at virtual Mysuru Literature Festival-2020

Mysuru, Aug. 31 (BCT)- The 'Wafts of Melody' virtual session last evening held as part of the fifth day of Mysuru Literature Festival-2020 that had Sarod Maestro Ustad Amjad Ali Khan on the panel was a mixture of topics from music, education, family time and COVID lockdown.



The Festival is hosted by Mysuru Literary Forum and Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs - 2015 and last evening's session was hosted by writer Roopa Pai. Chairperson of Mysuru Literary Forum and Charitable Trust Shubha Sanjay Urs was present. Roopa Pai is a computer engineer by profession, a journalist and children's author by passion.

The session started off on a high note with Roopa Pai introducing the legend as a 'National Treasure.' Then on, the conversation flowed just like ragas wafting out of the Ustad's Sarod — beautiful and effortless. He said he connects to God through music, "Swar hi Ishwar Hai" for it cannot be manipulated.

"Divine music brings peace and unifies the whole world. A musician surrenders to God. There is no difference between Hindustani and Karnatak styles. Music is music, only the approach differs. What is 'Raag Bhoopali' in Hindustani is 'Raag Mohanam' in Karnatak," he said.

During the course of conversation, the Ustad opined that there was a need to redefine education. To prove his point, the maestro said that it was unfortunate that the most educated become communal or radical. "We need to ask what education did to them. It is sad that people kill each other in the name of religion. How did their education not reform them to respect each other's faith," he questioned.

"There is violence because we don't respect each other and individual faith. Education must encourage creative students and their talent and teachers should dedicate one hour each day to interact with students to discuss love, compassion and contribution of one's parents to their lives. Books are not everything," he opined.

Amjad Ali Khan also spoke about the Sarod Ghar he set up in Gwalior on the lines of Beethoven House in Germany and was ever thankful to Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty for taking over the maintenance of Sarod Ghar.

To a question from one of the viewer, "Is it important for an instrumentalist to sing?" he said, "I sing through my Sarod" and when asked what is more important to be a successful musician — talent or hard work, he said success has no logic but 'Sadhana' is most important.

Speaking about lockdown due to COVID pandemic, the Ustad said that he enjoyed being with his family, especially grandchildren and he also spent time practicing and discovering new melodies. "Lockdown was a boon in disguise for me personally. I could spend more time with family, sons and grandsons. The lockdown was able to control COVID-19 spread and at my house, all the children were attracted towards Sarod. I have to thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi for this," he said.

A loving husband and a doting father, the maestro said that every parent should encourage creativity in their children and instil moral values in them. As a final message, he appealed to viewers to respect all religions as there is only one God and to work towards universal peace and love.

No clarity on serving liquor

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Bar owners said that last five months have taken their toll on the industry, and some watering holes have already shut down.

Temples too await order

Public gatherings, including social, academic, sports, entertainment, political, cultural and religious, will be permitted from Sept. 21 with a ceiling of 100 persons, says the MHA guidelines. "The Muzrai Department must specify the details in the guidelines and we do not have powers to decide on our own to permit large entry of public to temples," said M.S. Yathiraj Sampathkumaran.

Cinema/ entertainment parks

Cinema halls, theatres, entertainment parks will remain closed. Hoping for reopening, authorities who manage the Krishna Raja Sagar Dam had sent a proposal to the Government seeking reopening from Sept. 1 as the Dam is full and could draw tourists in large numbers and could be permitted phased entry. "KRS comes under entertainment park category and as such, we cannot open now though this is the best time to view the Dam and Brindavan Gardens," officials said.

Karnataka Film Exhibitors Federation Vice-President M.R. Rajaram said that he was disappointed with the MHA order of restraining theatres from functioning. "Almost all sectors have been thrown open to public and only we are left out. For us, the entire 2020 is a washout. Even if we are allowed to open in October, it will take at least three months for people to gain confidence and come to theatres. It looks like we can only get back to normal from 2021," he added.

Sound and Lighting System owners seek relief package

Mysuru, Aug. 31 (MTY&KS)- Urging the State Government to provide them with Corona Relief Package as given to others with financial issues due to outbreak of COVID-19 and ensuing lockdown, about 30 members of Mysuru City (District) Electrical Lightings and Sound System Owners Association staged a protest in front of the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office here this morning.

The protesters said that following lockdown from March, no cultural programmes, public functions, festivals and other such programmes were held which had resulted in no business to them, pushing them into debts to take care of their families and employees.

They said that there were about 300 sound and lighting shops and nearly 2,000 families were dependent on this business for a living.

The protesters demanded that a COVID relief package be announced to them and also opportunity be given to them during Government functions and during Dasara so that they could sustain financially.

They later submitted a memorandum to the DC through Deputy Tahsildar Borappa at the DC's Office. Association President M. Jayashankar Swamy, General Secretary Y.S. Nagesh Pratap and others were present.

Veteran BJP leader lays foundation stone for Arya Vysya Mahasabha building

Mysuru, Aug. 31 (PM&DM)- Veteran BJP leader and former Legislative Council Chairman D.H. Shankaramurthy laid the foundation stone for the construction of Karnataka Arya Vysya Mahasabha Multi-purpose Building on Geetha Mandir Road in Lashkar Mohalla here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that Arya Vysya Mahasabha has been rendering yeoman service to the society for the past several decades.

Pointing out that the Mahasabha has been conducting coaching classes for Civil Services and other Competitive Exams at Bengaluru itself, he said this has prevented the aspirants from going all the way to New Delhi.

Noting that the Mahasabha has so far collected 6,017 units of blood from donors, he said that Mahasabha President R.P. Ravishankar himself has donated blood 76 times so far.

Stating that the Mahasabha's Multi-Purpose Building also houses a Community Student Hostel, Shankaramurthy said that it is the responsibility of the Mahasabha to ensure that every member of the community gets necessary facilities and the construction of the building is an important step in that direction.

Karnataka Arya Vysya Mahasabha Muti-purpose Building that is coming up on Choudri Appaji Setty Dharmachatra site on Geetha Mandir Road, is estimated to cost Rs. 5.5 crore. The building will house separate hostels for boys and girls of the community, a competitive exams guidance centre, a guest house and a residential facility.

Mahasabha State President R.P. Ravishankar said that the Mahasabha came into existence in Mysuru long back in 1908. Later, the Mahasabha moved to Bengaluru in 1914 and got a site in Bengaluru from the then Mysuru Maharajas in 1922.

Expressing confidence that the construction of the building would be complete by the end of next year, he maintained that the Mahasabha is not restricted to the community alone and covers all other deprived sections of the society as well. The Mahasabha has reserved 75 percent of the benefits extended by it to the community members and 25 percent to other sections of the society, he added.

MP Pratap Simha, MLAs L.Nagendra and H.P. Manjunath, Corporator C. Ramesh and others were present.

Onam: Pookalam adorns Kodagu DC's residence

IAS Officer Annies Kanmani Joy, a native of Kerala, who is serving as the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Kodagu district in Karnataka for the past two years, celebrated Onam, the harvest festival of her native State, at the DC Bungalow in Madikeri, Kodagu. The DC, attired in traditional costume, is seen making Pookalam ('poov' meaning flower and 'kalam' means colour sketches — floral rangoli) in the portico of her house this morning as part of the celebrations.

Onam celebrations at Chemmanur Intl. Jewellery showroom

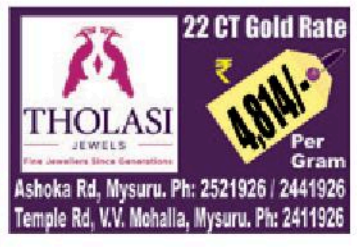
The staff of Chemmanur International Jewellery showroom at B.M. Habitat Mall, Jayalakshmipuram, dressed in traditional outfit, celebrated Onam today by making Pookalam.

International Excellence Award for city Professor

Mysuru, Aug.31- Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna, working an an Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, Mysuru, has been awarded 'Dr. M.G.K. Menon International Excellence Achievement Award' by the International Friendship Society, New Delhi in recognition of his achievements in teaching, research and academics and also towards his achievements in Science, Engineering & Technology.

Dr. Mohan Krishna

The award function was held recently through an online platform in connection with the international seminar on Economic Growth and National Integration.



Vaastu-Feng Shui & Bio-energetics

By S.B.S.Surendran
Accredited Master Feng Shui Consultant

Garnering Wealth Chi

To enhance the possibilities of good happenings in our life and activate a flow of positive chi around our living space, we can have lotus flowers in urn or ponds as lotus is the world's most popular flower and is strongly associated with good Feng Shui.

Feng Shui will help you rearrange what you have to create the best possible visual impression, so that your home will look more orderly, more balanced, and more beautiful.

With a little bit of resourceful thinking, you can make Feng Shui work just by re-imagining how you can use the things you already have. The few specific decorative items used in Feng Shui that you may wish to purchase, like plants, mirrors and chimes, are not too expensive. So even if you do indulge in a bit of shopping to complete your Feng Shui project, it would be worth the effort and time invested. No doubt for a proper arrangement and correct Feng Shui you would need some professional advice and guidance.

In addition to removing obstacles, Feng Shui involves the accumulation or introduction of positive energy. When certain items are placed properly, they draw in the good energy that contributes to prosperity. From positive motivating objects and symbols of wealth, to coins and family photos, a variety of objects can play a role in manufacturing the right type of energy in your home.

If the aim is to acquire true wealth and prosperity, we require an environment that works with and not against. To achieve prosperity, one of the first steps in applying Feng Shui is to remove all clutter from our life and from our environment. The negative energy held by dead plants, broken and damaged furniture and uncompleted projects does not contribute to expanding wealth and well-being. Clutter can also be defined as anything unfinished, unresolved or unused.

Prosperity and abundance circulates through the universe and through all our lives. It is a never-ending flow of giving and receiving. Many associate prosperity with financial wealth but true riches are of many kinds. If you wish to enhance the wealth luck you could think of placing a Wealth Bowl which would depict wealth overflowing and abundance. You need to place in a leaded sparkling crystal bowl six smooth crystal balls, with yellow jasper ingots and coins and these are considered to be "wealth magnifiers." Wealth Bowl not only creates abundance in wealth, but also protect potential wealth loss. The symbols send vibes to our minds to remind us of money seeking opportunities.

• One of the best representatives of a long and prosperous life in Feng Shui is the golden dragon turtle. It attracts prosperity to your business and improves relationships with those around you. Placing a golden dragon turtle in the Southeast of an office or business facing toward the door is said to invite the kind of chi.

• At the South East corner of the living space place indoor plants to enrich the wealth potential or have a clean water fountain or aquarium.

• Small bells made of metal hung outside the front door symbolises "ringing out the coming of prosperity and good news."

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Online 'Project Exhibition-2020' features 40 plus working models

Mysuru, Aug. 31- The 'Project Exhibition-2020' was organised online by the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE), GSSS Institute of Engineering & Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, in association with ISLE Student Chapter, Karnataka Centre, recently.

J.N. Bhavani Prasad, former Director General, Central Public Work Department (CPWD), Government of India, Senior Member, ISLE, Karnataka State Centre, was the chief guest for the event. Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, Dr. P.S. Puttaswamy, Professor & Head, Department of EEE, staffs and students of Department and participants from various Engineering Colleges attended the event.

The chief guest addressed the fellow participants to build innovative projects and inculcate the entrepreneurial skills to become job creators than the job seekers.

Stating that projects give relief from normal academic activities and give more insight about technical knowledge, he suggested students to continue their research and project works in the field of Electrical Engineering. Students from various colleges and GSSSIETW presented their project models in the event and showcased their innovative talent.

Jury members for the event were M.G. Sathyendra, Secretary, ISLE, Karnataka State Centre, Dr. S. Padmashree, Professor, Department of ECE, GSSSIETW, Dr. B.D. Parameshachari, Professor and Head, Department of TCE, GSSSIETW and Dr. P.S. Puttaswamy, Professor & Head, Department of EEE, GSSSIETW.

Four adjudged 'Best Projects'

The projects were demonstrated in four parallel sessions. Among the project models presented by 40 plus teams of students, the following four projects were adjudged as the 'Best Projects' and awarded cash prizes along with participation certificates:

1. **'Smart Agrobot (Multi-Purpose Economical Feasible Agriculture Robot)'** by M. Sandeep, N.M. Samarth Raj, H.J. Raghava and C.S. Shreejan of Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology (VVIET), Mysuru.
2. **'Development of Glass Cleaning Robot for Buildings'** by H.R. Karthik, B. Jayakumar, K.R. Pooja and B.V. Shwetha of ATME College of Engineering, Mysuru.
3. **'A Solar Power Assisted Lithium-Ion Battery Balancing System for Electric Vehicles'** by Madhu Bhimappa, Chavan Pratibhas and Melmalagi Priyankab of Tontadarya College of Engineering, Gadag.
4. **'Electric Bangle for Women Safety'** by M. Vellimani, Rizwanarahat, Annapurna S. Kalgutkar and B.K. Mahalakshmi of GSSSIETW, Mysuru.

All other teams which presented working models and simulation studies too received participation certificates.

Wild flora blooms on canvas

Mysuru, Aug. 31 (RKB&SD)- Sri Kalanikethana School of Art in city had organised an art exhibition titled 'Aralu' at its Gallery in Vijayanagar Second Stage here yesterday in which over 25 acrylic watercolour based paintings of wild flowers, which grow on the roadside and usually go unnoticed, done by artist K. Sangeeta were exhibited.

Mysore and Chamarajanagar District Co-operative Central (MCDCC) Bank Chairman G.D. Harish Gowda inaugurated the art exhibition by lighting the lamp yesterday.

"In all of my paintings, my emphasis lies on depicting flowers, in particular wild flora which rarely catches anybody's attention," said Sangeeta, who is currently working as an art teacher at Gollarabeedu Government School in Sargur of H.D. Kote.

An alumnus of Sri Kalanikethana School of Art, she expressed her happiness in getting an opportunity to display her paintings at the Art School she studied.

Deputy Project Coordinator at DDPI Office Shivkumar, Zilla Panchayar (ZP) Member Chandrika Suresh, farmer Chinnaswamy Vaddagere, Sri Kalanikethana School of Art Principal K.C. Mahadevashetty were the guests on the occasion.

Visitors admiring a painting of artist K. Sangeeta displayed at 'Aralu' art expo organised at Sri Kalanikethana School of Art in city yesterday.

Artist K. Sangeeta explaining about one of her paintings to guests and visitors during the 'Aralu' art expo yesterday. MCDCC Bank Chairman G.D. Harish Gowda is also seen.

Can National Education Policy revolutionise education system?

The National Education Policy (NEP), approved by the Union Cabinet recently, has proposed sweeping changes in school and higher education. Though many issues are addressed in the NEP, this article by **Prof. G.L. Shekar** emphasises on three interesting propositions — Early childhood care and education, Multidisciplinary approach and Technology-enabled education. — **Ed**

The National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020) pitches for a new pedagogical and curricular structure of school education, 5+3+3+4 (covering ages 3-18) against the current 10+2. The first 5 years of the total 15 years of education is 'foundational' and is further divided into two parts; 3+2. Here, the first 3 years is pre-school and any 3-year-old child can commence education.

When the child is 6-years-old, he/ she can start school from Class-1. Pre-school and Classes 1 and 2 combined is foundational stage. The second 3-year stage is preparatory, the third 3-year stage is middle and the last 4-year stage of education is secondary school (Class-9 to Class-12). At this secondary school level, it is suggested to incorporate multidisciplinary study, critical thinking, and flexibility and student choice of subjects.

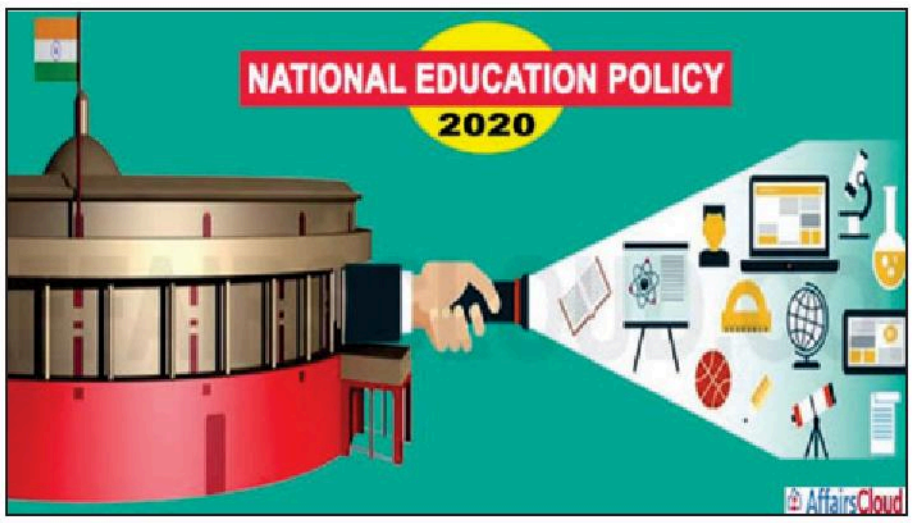
The Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) is a significant part of the overall education since children in the age group of 3-6 are covered. The main objective of ECCE is to promote overall learning, development, and well-being of the child. It is a national mission and the objective of the universal foundational literacy will be achieved, as per NEP, by 2025. It is true that rest of the NEP becomes relevant only if the most basic learning requirements (reading, writing and arithmetic) are achieved at the foundational level.

The challenge is in implementation since the entire population which is in the age group of 3-8, should compulsorily get foundational education. The policy has come out with a brilliant idea of involving the community itself at this stage. The proposed National Mission on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (NMFLN) hopefully design a practical way of involving the community.

COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

If every literate in the community commits to teach one 'student' so that 'student' can read and write, then India's landscape will change for the better, especially in this digital era. As said in the policy, NMFLN should come out with innovative models wherein the literate volunteers are involved to promote foundational literacy and numeracy. However, it is not clear whether the policy has recommended informal approach at the preschool education stage though this preschool education is a part of the formal education process.

The policy also stresses on multidisciplinary (and holistic) education where students are provided an all-round education depending upon their inherent likes and strengths. A global technology revolution is currently changing the world



with broad, multidisciplinary and synergic trends. Another classic example of multidiscipline trend is use of robots in surgery. A set of experts of different fields join hands to develop a state-of-the-art technology or process.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TRAINING

Again, the biggest challenge is equipping the teachers for multidisciplinary training and education. If, by 2030, the teacher education has to be moved into multidisciplinary colleges and universities, proper and practical framework has to be articulated for implementation. A team of teachers can bring the multidisciplinary focus.

It may be difficult for a teacher to be an expert, for instance, in biology and economics. Undoubtedly, multidisciplinary teaching-learning is highly required for a growing economy like India. But, how do we make available multidisciplinary and integrated teacher education programmes across India at the earliest?

It is also said that all existing teachers' education institutions will be converted into multidisciplinary institutes. As far as school education is concerned, it has been mentioned that by 2030, the minimum degree qualification for teaching will be a 4-year integrated B.Ed degree that focuses on multidisciplinary education.

MAKING ENGINEERING SENSITIVE

In higher education, especially in technical education, the major issue is the rigid separation of disciplines, with early specialisation and streaming of students into narrow areas of study. For example, if mechanical engineering is a major stream, within that we have sub-specialisation like design, manufacturing, thermal and industrial engineering/ management. It is also important to that the multidisciplinary focus has objectives such as making engineering sensitive to societal needs, science that is ethical, supply chains that are environmental compliant, etc.

Students, of course, do get a bit of multidisciplinary education mainly through elective subjects. Currently, there is less or no opportunity at all for cross-disciplinary and interdisciplinary thinking in Higher Education Institutions (HEI). The thinking of NEP may be more radical. Why not we introduce in major stream of mechanical engineering a minor stream of economics or why not a major in physics and minor in computer science?

Therefore, moving to large multidisciplinary universities and HEI clusters by 2040 is the highest recommendation of this policy. The new definition of a university is a multidisciplinary institution of higher learning.

DIGITAL CONTENT

Technology-enabled education is another issue that has been highlighted in the NEP. Internet-based activities like quizzes, competitions, and assessments will be developed. Creation of online communities, building smart classrooms and providing digital content are some of the highlights. In higher education sector, institutions will have the option to run Open Distance Learning and online programmes.

Use of technology and its integration with school and higher education curricula, more so in the context of digital India campaign, will create a sound knowledge economy. Also, the policy has rightly underlined the need of use of technology in education during pandemic like COVID-19, which disrupted traditional teacher-in-class education.

CAPACITY BUILDING

It cannot be assumed that a good teacher in a traditional classroom will automatically be a good teacher in an online classroom. The challenge, therefore, is capacity building; teachers should become tech-savvy and more creative in the teaching-learning process. An action plan with definite timelines to ensure adequate training to the teachers should be worked out.

It is a good idea to establish National Educational Technology Forum (NETF), which will provide a platform for the free exchange of ideas on the use of technology. However, the implementation plan has to be developed involving not only academicians and education experts but also some of the top-notch Tech-Edu companies that are providing end-to-end technology solutions to oversee schools and universities.

For example, Mysuru's Excelsoft Technologies is already hand-holding Government schools in technology-enabled education. In fact, the company's own school has built bench mark e-learning processes in school education. The strategy to tie-up with industries and institutes of repute both in India and abroad should be chalked out that would not only enhance our core strengths but also provides the yardstick to assess our own strengths and weaknesses.

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

As we know, academic programmes, high quality research, faculty competency building, pedagogy, collaboration, governance and reforms, innovation and incubation, student development, alumni engagement, and infrastructure are the bricks and mortar of education institutions. The role of Governments and policy makers in enabling every educational institution to become a centre of excellence is of urgent need of the hour. However, Government and governance should be limited to policy creation and regulation.

Classroom teaching should be supplemented by online teaching. The specific targets for schools and colleges should be to upgrade digital library server, encourage faculty to register for online certificate courses to gear up for multidisciplinary concept, improve Wi-Fi infrastructure, strengthen the existing internet browsing facility, establish ICT-enabled classrooms, mentor new faculty members on pedagogical requirements and depute senior faculty members periodically for refresher courses on pedagogy.

The targets will be achieved if the contributions of stakeholders — faculty, staff, students, parents, alumni, international partners and industry — are aligned together. It is promising that the NEP has considered these top-priority issues.

Looking ahead, we need to design and develop realistic implementation plans to tap the infinite human capabilities and make India one of the super powers; both in knowledge and economy. Hopefully, the new education policy will revolutionise the Indian education system.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Requite

Pronunciation: rih-KWYTE.
Meaning: To make return for : repay; to make retaliation for : avenge; to make suitable return to for a benefit or service or for an injury.
Origin: You might be familiar with the phrase "unrequited love." Love that has not been requited is love that has not been returned or paid back in kind, which brings us to the common denominator in the above definitions for requite — the idea of repayment, recompense, or retribution. The quite in requite is a now obsolete English verb meaning "to quit" or "to pay." (Quite is also related to the English verb quit, the oldest meanings of which include "to pay up" and "to set free.") Quiten, the Middle English source of quite, can be traced back through Anglo-French to Latin quietus, meaning "quiet" or "at rest," a word which is also an ancestor of the English word quiet.
Example: "She watched as her son developed a real affection for basketball, even as the game didn't always requite his feelings (he didn't crack the varsity team in high school until he was a senior)." — Steve Hummer

THE ODD WORD

Rackrent

Excessive rent.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Raining cats and dogs

Meaning: Raining cats and dogs is a common phrase that refers to heavy rainfall.
Origin: The origin of the phrase it's raining cats and dogs is at least 350 years old. Yes, since the 17th century, this term has been used in some form or another to describe rainy weather. But why is that? Well, there are theories floating around that try to figure out how this saying originated, but ultimately, its origin unknown and remains a question.
We do know this expression appears in print as early as 1653. For example, a modified form of the phrase makes an appearance in a comedy called The City Wit, written in 1653 by Richard Brome:
"It shall raine... Dogs and Polecats."
The modern wording of the phrase comes as early as the year 1738. It is found in A Complete Collection of Genteel and Ingenious Conversation, by Jonathan Swift:
"I know Sir John will go, though he was sure it would rain cats and dogs."

QUOTE BOX

Some people feel the rain. Others just get wet. **—Bob Marley**

RIDDLE THIS

What has an eye but cannot see?

Answer: A needle.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Water vapor
5 Roman goddess of plenty
8 Fury
12 A notion or a brain-wave
13 Short biographical or character sketches?
15 Skin expert
17 British scientist ____ Newton
18 Bitter fruit
19 Bangalore based IPL team
21 Thrust forward
24 Regional Airline Assoc.
27 Small rooms for private players
30 The entirety
31 Long-tailed parrot having bright colours
32 Liquid that circulates in plants
33 Common name for potassium nitrate
35 Attempt to do something
36 Rockers ___ Jam
37 Some promos
39 Star Wars' Princes ___
41 Consolidate or merge
45 Conflicting aims (5,8)
49 The Karate sticks?
50 A solemn or religious ceremony
51 State flower of Utah - "goes" round?
52 "Even" in short for the poet
53 Old time ruler of Russia

DOWN
1 Medium-length dress
2 March time fatal for Caesar
3 Antitoxins
4 King David's daughter
5 Decide
6 Expert, in short
7 Pithy material used in making a hat?
8 Severity, harshness
9 "Litanies" anagram for legal psychiatrist?
10 Ground Earth Station
11 Superlative suffix?
14 Continued the process already begun? (8,2)
16 Achieve
20 A slope bounding a river valley in Scotland
22 You will often change it when driving a car!
23 Get a glimpse of
24 Make a grating sound or say gratingly?
25 Wings or winglike parts
26 From the beginning, in a way? (3,5)
28 Behave; deed or doing
29 Scarlett's home
34 Second largest Sicily Island - "coster" anagram?
38 Express anger
40 Assoc. of Pub. Add. Engrs.
42 Egyptian goddess
43 Greek cheese
44 River of Flanders
45 Central nervous system, acronym
46 Feel remorse for
47 Small guitar
48 Move fast

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	P	S	O	■	A	R	E	S	■	J	E	W
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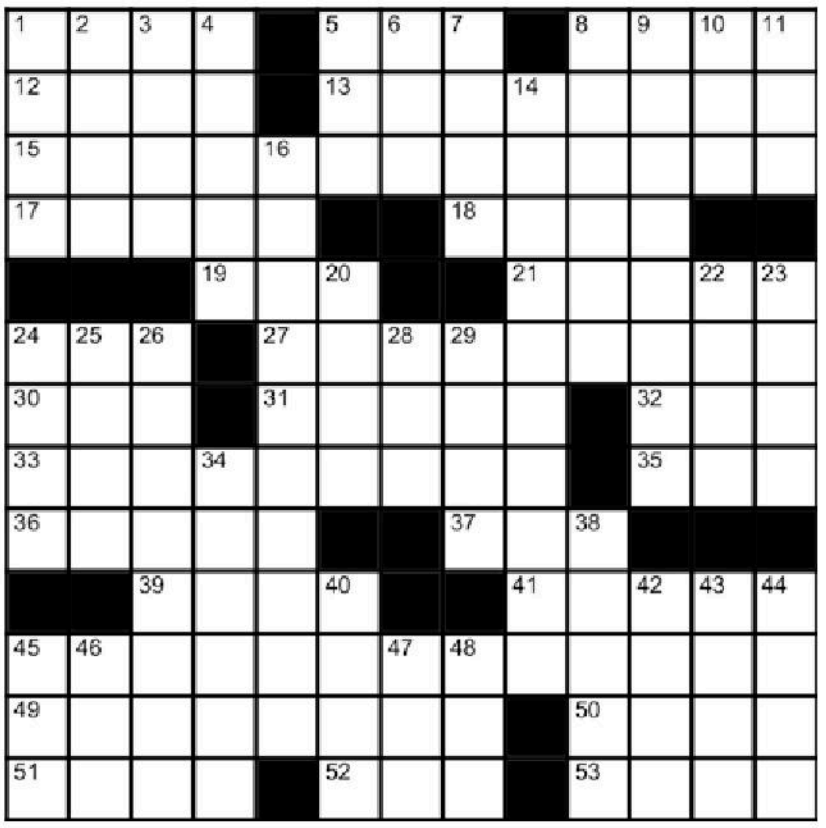

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					6			
	6	1	3					

Answer to previous puzzle

7	5	2	3	1	8	6	4	9
3	4	6	7	2	9	8	1	5
9	8	1	5	4	6	2	7	3
6	7	9	4	8	3	5	2	1
5	3	4	2	5	1	7	9	6
1	2	5	9	6	7	4	3	8
4	1	3	6	7	5	9	8	2
5	9	7	8	3	2	1	6	4
2	6	8	1	9	4	3	5	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

WQWVMSZCHU ZBKKWHA SY WQWVMGYOM AYYHWV

YV DBSWV CI SZWVW CA SCJW WHYLUZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The only real prison is fear, and the only real freedom is freedom from fear.

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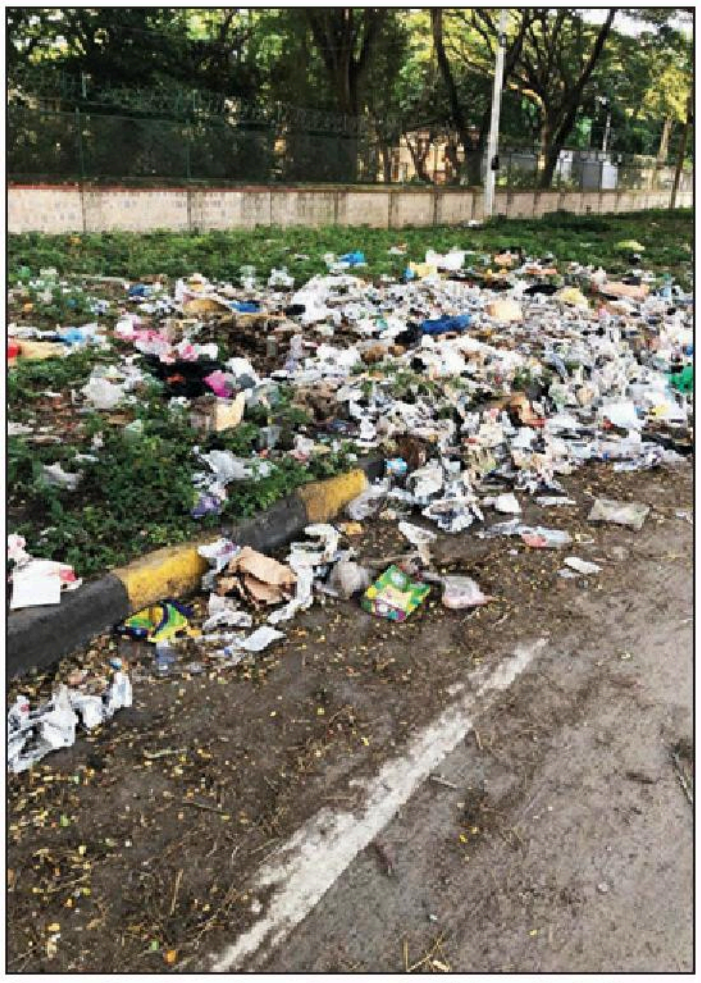
Plea to remove garbage dumped on Valmiki Road



Heaps of garbage dumped opposite Maharani's College on Valmiki Road has not only become an eyesore but is also posing heath hazard to the residents living in the surrounding besides causing a lot of inconvenience to the public. The garbage is emanating foul smell forcing passersby to cover their nose to avoid the stench. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the garbage heaps cleared at the earliest and prevent garbage from being dumped at this place in future.

Prevent public from dumping garbage at Fort Mohalla

Indiscriminate dumping of garbage and public answering nature's call has turned the 1st Main Road behind Krishnarajendra Government School in Fort Mohalla near Agrahara into a stinky place. Residents allege that this is the state of the road since many years and no action was initiated despite lodging several complaints. The residents have once again urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the place cleaned and also prevent people from dumping garbage at this spot.

14 temples in KR Constituency get funds for renovation

Mysuru, Aug. 31 (PM&DM)- With the Government releasing Rs. 11.67 lakh for renovation of temples in his Assembly segment, KR MLA S.A. Ramdas, who is also the President of Aradhana Samiti, chaired a meeting on the allocation of the released funds among 14 temples coming under his constituency, at the Taluk Office here on Wednesday last.

The meeting decided to allot Rs. 4,07,000 in total among six temples, including Rs. 50,000 each for Veerabhadreshwara Temple on Banumaiah Road, Karumariamma Temple on Sewage Farm Road and Mahaganapati Temple in Siddarthanagar, Rs. 57,000 for Jayanagar Rama Mandira and Rs. 1 lakh each for Ganapati Temple in Kuvempunagar M-Block and Karaga Temple in Ittigegud.

In respect of other temples, the meeting allotted Rs. 1 lakh each for Rama Mandira on Ashokapuram Sixth Cross, Shambulingeshwara Temple on Ashokapuram First Cross, Katthi Muneshwara Temple on Ashokapuram 13th Cross, Adishakti Pattaladamma Temple in Rajiv Gandhi Colony and Chamundeshwari Temple in Weavers Colony, with all the five temples coming under MCC Ward No. 60 of KR Assembly segment.

In other allocations, Bedarakannappa Temple of Chikkaharadanahalli and got Rs. 1 lakh each and Siddappaji Temple on Sunnadakeri Fourth Cross got Rs. 60,000, collectively amounting to Rs. 7.60 lakh, thus utilising the Government sanctioned amount of Rs.11.67 lakh for renovation of the fourteen temples.

Information Department Commissioner calls for better use of social media

Mysuru, Aug. 31- Department of Information and Public Relations Commissioner Dr. P.S. Harsha has called upon officials to use popular social media platforms for communicating Government programmes and projects to the people.

He was addressing officials at the Department office on Dhanvanthri Road here on Saturday.

Pointing out that Social media platforms such as *Facebook* and *Twitter* are being widely used by the people, Dr. Harsha said that such popular platforms must be best utilised by officials for spreading awareness about Government schemes, programmes, projects, plans, initiatives etc., among the public.

Noting that any information can be got at fingertips these days because of technological advancements, he said that officials, utilising the inputs available with them, should ensure that Government schemes reach the targeted sections of the society.

Continuing, the Commissioner said that officials must contact University of Mysore if they find it necessary to train media representatives on field publicity.

Stating that it is necessary for appropriate utilisation of social media during these trying times of COVID-19 crisis, Dr. Harsha said that he was always supportive of all good ideas and things.

Maintaining that Mysuru region has a great tourism potential that needs to be tapped further, he said that officials must take steps for publishing articles in print, social and electronic media on all the important tourist destinations and other hotspots in the region.

Emphasising on the need for the Department officials to improve their working skills, he said that apart from issuing press notes, importance must also be given for disposal of files. He also called for better co-ordination between officials at different levels of the Department for ensuring office efficiency.

Mysuru Office Deputy Director Vinod Chandra, Assistant Director Raju, Superintendent Kiran and other staff were present.

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